

INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY MITIGATION ACT**AMENDMENTS**

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill amends the Intergenerational Poverty Mitigation Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ amends the membership of the Utah Intergenerational Welfare Reform Commission; and
- ▶ amends the membership of the Intergenerational Poverty Advisory Committee.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

35A-9-301, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 296

35A-9-304, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 59

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **35A-9-301** is amended to read:

35A-9-301. Creation of the Utah Intergenerational Welfare Reform Commission.

There is created the Utah Intergenerational Welfare Reform Commission composed of the following [~~seven~~] eight members:

- (1) the lieutenant governor;
- (2) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or the deputy director if designated by the executive director;
- (3) the executive director of the Department of Health or the deputy director if

designated by the executive director;

(4) the executive director of the Department of Human Services or the deputy director if designated by the executive director;

(5) the state superintendent of public education or the deputy state superintendent if designated by the superintendent;

(6) the state juvenile court administrator; ~~[and]~~

(7) the director of the Division of Multicultural Affairs within the Department of Heritage and Arts; and

~~[(7)]~~ (8) the chair of the Intergenerational Poverty Advisory Committee created in Section 35A-9-304.

Section 2. Section **35A-9-304** is amended to read:

35A-9-304. Intergenerational Poverty Advisory Committee -- Creation -- Duties.

(1) To assist the commission, there is created the Intergenerational Poverty Advisory Committee.

(2) The advisory committee shall be composed of no more than ~~[(11)]~~ 12 members.

(3) Members of the advisory committee shall be appointed by the chair of the commission, with the approval of the commission, and shall include at least one member from each of the following groups:

(a) advocacy groups that focus on childhood poverty issues;

(b) advocacy groups that focus on education issues;

(c) academic experts in childhood poverty or education issues;

(d) faith-based organizations that address childhood poverty or education issues; ~~[and]~~

(e) local government representatives that address childhood poverty or education issues~~[-]; and~~

(f) representatives of minority communities where children are disproportionately impacted by intergenerational poverty.

(4) Subject to Subsection (5), each member of the advisory committee shall be appointed for a four-year term unless a member is appointed to complete an unexpired term.

(5) The commission chair may adjust the length of term at the time of appointment or reappointment so that approximately half of the advisory committee is appointed every two years.

63 (6) The commission chair may remove an advisory committee member:

64 (a) if the member is unable or unwilling to carry out the member's assigned
65 responsibilities; or

66 (b) for good cause.

67 (7) If a vacancy occurs in the advisory committee membership for any reason, a
68 replacement may be appointed for the unexpired term.

69 (8) The commission chair shall select a chair of the advisory committee on an annual
70 basis.

71 (9) A majority of the advisory committee constitutes a quorum of the advisory
72 committee at any meeting and the action of the majority of members present are the action of
73 the advisory committee.

74 (10) The advisory committee shall:

75 (a) meet at least twice a year at the request of the commission chair or the chair of the
76 advisory committee;

77 (b) make recommendations to the commission on how the commission and the state
78 can effectively address the needs of children affected by intergenerational poverty and achieve
79 the purposes and duties of the commission as described in Section 35A-9-303; and

80 (c) ensure that the advisory committee's recommendations to the commission are
81 supported by verifiable data.

82 (11) The Department of Workforce Services shall provide staff support to the advisory
83 committee.